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** MEDIA ADVISORY ** Osceola County Economic Summit

WHAT: Osceola County Economic Summit

WHO: Sen. Michelle A. McManus

Sen. Nancy Cassis, Senate Finance Committee Chair Michigan Economic Development Corporation

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Local development organizations Michigan Works! West-Central

Area businesses

Dave Porteous, moderator

WHEN: Monday, Oct. 27

9 a.m. – noon

WHERE: Eagle Village

4507 170th Ave. Hersey, Mich.

BRIEF: State and local officials will join local business people to discuss the

economic climate in Osceola County. Local business representatives will share what has worked and what needs work. State officials will address available programs and how to take advantage of them.

Local officials will share how cooperation has worked to keep industry, specifically Yoplait, in Osceola County. Cooperation will be necessary to maintain this relationship, particularly in light of Yoplait's new Tennessee plant that will compete for product lines with the company's Reed City plant.

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